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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY

THROUGH: S S/S
FROM: L - John R. Stevenson

SUBJECT: Deterrence of Acts of Violence and Harassment
Directed Against Foreign Officials -
ACTION MEMORANDUM

Following our meeting with the Attorney General on January 12, 1971, two significant developments have occurred which bear upon the violent activities of the JDL and other militant groups. First, the federal grand jury which was convened on January 14 has indicted a number of JDL leaders, including Rabbi Meyer Kahane, for violations of various federal statutes. Secondly, representatives of this office have met with Justice Department officials and have discussed specific proposals for new federal legislation designed to expand federal jurisdiction over offenses against officials and property of foreign governments.

The Attorney General's continued interest in this problem would, of course, be most helpful in securing timely and responsive action by the Department of Justice on the legislative proposals currently under consideration. Accordingly, we believe it would be desirable for you to write to the Attorney General, apprising him of these proposals and of our discussions with the Department of Justice. A suggested letter is attached. This letter would transmit a copy of our recent correspondence with the Justice Department's Internal Security Division and would also comment favorably on the prompt action by the federal grand jury in returning indictments against JDL leaders.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter.

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